"National Security" claims by FBI to withhold under FOIA HW 6/25/78

In Hoover's O & C files there was a regularly-used last line stating that the records relating to tapping and bugging had to be classified because disclosure of the mere fact of the existence of these surveillances would cause grave damage to the "national security." I recall no claim that the content of the records on surveillance, if disclosed, could harm "national security."

However, once the fact of the surveillances was known the FBI shifted its ground to continue to withhold information relating to the fact of these surveillances. It then claimed that the content, if disclosed, could cause grave harm to the "national security."

Now that the content is well known it merely invokes)b)(1).